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## REMARKS

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Claims 1-5 and 22 are pending in the instant application after the current Amendments. Applicants have cancelled Claim 6, currently amended Claims 1-4 and have added new Claim 22. WHEREIN, Claims 1-5 and 22 remain to be examined. No new matter has been added. No additional claims fee is believed to be due. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the originally filed claims in the future.

Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 5-6 under 35 USC 112. Applicants, per the Examiner's suggestion, have 1) amended "V", to specifically identify heterocyclic moieties (support for this amendment can be found in the compounds identified in the Schemes and Examples), 2) amended "q" to reflect the amendment to "V", as the Examiner points out, 3) amended "R" to reflect the compounds made (see the Examples for support), and 4) removed the "substituted" language from the definitions. Claim 6 was canceled and replaced with new Claim 22. Applicants contend that Claims 1-3, 5 and 22 meet the requirements of 35 USC 112 and respectfully request allowance of the Claims.

Examiner states that the reagent MgBr is not commercially available and thus Applicants have not shown how to make the appropriate compounds in the specification. Applicants note that the Aldrich Handbook (2007-2008) does disclose <u>phenyl</u> magnesium bromide (as referenced in the Applicants specification, for example, page 58 line 12) with a chem.. abstract number 100-58-3. Applicants contend that the synthesis of all the compounds in the instant application is fully described and one of ordinary skill in the art could make these compounds following the Experimentals and Schemes.

Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 USC 102 over Belanger et al. (US4,332,810). Applicants have amended the term "q" to remove "0" as an option. Support for this amendment can be found in the compounds identified in the Schemes and Examples. Applicants contend that Claims 1-3 meet the requirements of 35 USC 102, and respectfully request allowance of the Claims.

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Applicants respectfully contend that the Examiner's rejections are now moot, and that Claims 1-5 and 22 are allowable. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If a telephonic communication with Applicant's representative will aid in the advancement of the prosecution of this application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

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